

# **Water Storage Investment Program Quarterly Report Template**

The Quarterly Report is intended to document progress that the applicant is making toward complying with regulation section 6013 and receiving final WSIP funding, including any changes in the magnitude of public benefits that could affect cost allocation. Applicants must provide a summary level update of the project status for the requirements and milestones listed below. The template may be modified as necessary to effectively communicate information. If minimal activities occurred during a reporting period, the report can be condensed.

- Note any issues or concerns that have, will, or could affect milestones or requirements.
- Identify key issues, including legal issues such as lawsuits or injunctions related to the project, that need to be resolved.
- Discuss how the actual schedule is progressing in comparison to the schedule provided in the Initial Report or the last reported schedule.
- Update the project schedule as needed.
- Note any milestones or accomplishments that occurred since submittal of the prior Quarterly Report.

Project Name:	South Sacramento County Agriculture & Habitat Lands Recycled Water, Groundwater Storage, and				
	Conjunctive Use Program				
Applicant Name:	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San)				
Date:	4/29/2019	Reporting Period:	Q1 2019		

Please describe any key issues that occurred during this reporting period. You may attach additional documents or pages if more space is needed.

#### Issues:

As documented in an email from staff at the SWRCB to the Executive Director of the CWC, on June 20, 2018, the
approved Petition for Change order was anticipated to be issued by September 2018. In December, we received
updated information from the SWRCB staff that the Draft Approval for the Petition is undergoing internal review
and is anticipated to be finalized before the end of Q2 2019. Regional San is involved in an active dialogue with
the SWRCB staff, including two meetings in March.

#### Milestones:

- The Administrative Program Management Office (A-PMO) consultant has been selected and is under an initial contract to provide support. The Ecological Program consultant has been selected and is under an initial contract to provide support. Both contracts are anticipated to be extended in 2019 Q2.
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the CEQA consultant was advertised in January 2019, with proposals submitted
  in March. The Project team reviewed the proposals and selected a CEQA consultant that is anticipated to be under
  contract in May 2019. Additional RFP processes are expected for Capital Program Management Office, Design, and
  Construction Managers in 2019.
- Project team initiated an updated Communications and Outreach Plan for the Program and began targeted outreach with Program stakeholders and landowners. A meeting was held 2/4 with our stakeholder advisory group of landowners. On 2/16 the Project team attended the Sac County Farm Bureau Annual Dinner and handed out informational postcards about the Program. Regional San also completed an initial update of its website: <a href="https://www.regionalsan.com/socoag">https://www.regionalsan.com/socoag</a>. The project team is continuing to develop and execute a landowner outreach plan for recycled water customers and EcoPlan partnerships.
- Project team continued work on the development of the Groundwater Accounting Framework and Conjunctive Use Project. A briefing for the Regional San executive management was held 3/14. A briefing was also held with the

Executive Director of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) on 3/4.

- Project team continued work on the development of the Ecological Plan in support of the public benefit targets. A briefing for Regional San executive management was held 3/4.
- Project team attended the WSIP Public Benefits Contracting Meeting on 2/21. From there the Project team
  initiated contact with CDFW and SWRCB. On 3/12 the project team met with SWRCB to provide a project overview
  and begin initial discussions on public benefits monitoring. A kick-off meeting with CDFW is scheduled at the
  beginning of April.

#### **Project schedule:**

• No significant change has occurred from previous reporting period. Schedule attached.

## The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP):

• The SSHCP and EIR/EIS were adopted October 29, 2018. The SSHCP will streamline federal and state permitting processes for the South County Ag Program.

Prior to scheduling a hearing, the following items must be provided:					
Description	Status	Estimated Completion Date	Percent Complete %		
Contracts for non-public cost share	N/A - complete. There is no cost share for non-public benefits of the South County Ag Program. At this time, Regional San is the only entity that will fund the non-public cost-share.	N/A	N/A		
Contracts for administration of public benefits	Kick-off meetings held. Awaiting information from CDFW and State Water Board to proceed.	TBD	0		
Completed feasibility studies	<ul> <li>Final Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District South County Recycled Water Feasibility Study (RMC 2014). Previously approved by USBR and submitted with WSIP application.</li> <li>CWC requested an Addendum to the Final Feasibility Study to reflect public benefits analysis. Addendum completion anticipated Q2 2019.</li> </ul>	03/2019	95		
Final environmental documentation	<ul> <li>Programmatic and Main Transmission Line Final EIR - 100%</li> <li>CEQA Consultant contract going to Regional San Board for approval May 22, 2019.         <ul> <li>Project-Level environmental documentation (distribution system) - 0%</li> <li>Groundwater Bank Project-Level environmental documentation - 0%</li> <li>Ecological Program environmental documentation - 0%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		40		
All required federal, state, and local approvals, certifications, and agreements	See attached list of permits and status	12/2021	See attached		

#### **Funding Agreement**

Please provide an update, as applicable, on the following documents, which are needed to execute a funding agreement for the project:

- Applicant's audited financial statements
- Final project costs, schedule, and scope of work
- Evidence of bilateral communications
- Limited waiver of sovereign immunity (see regulations section 6013(f)(8))

Updates to information provided in the Initial Report or prior Quarterly Reports are only needed when a significant change has occurred. The Commission may request submittal of updated information prior to executing a funding agreement.

No significant change has occurred from previous reporting period.

#### **Audited Financial Statements:**

Regional San's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2018 Fiscal Year is available on our website. These
reports are prepared annually and an independent auditor audits Regional San's financial statements each year.
A current audited financial statement will be provided prior to the execution of a funding agreement.

## Final Project Costs, Schedule, and Scope:

• Currently working from WSIP application materials, updates in progress; update expected Q2 2019.

#### **Evidence of Bilateral Communications:**

Not Applicable, no anticipated impacts to owners or operators of facilities.

#### **Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity:**

• Not Applicable, no known tribal lands in project area.

### **Status Update**

Provide a status update for the following, as applicable:

- Labor Compliance
- Urban Water Management Plans
- Agricultural Water Management Plans
- Groundwater Management or Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Potential effect of other conditionally eligible projects on the applicant's public benefits

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#### **Labor Compliance:**

Anticipated to be addressed in construction contracts (2020).

### **Urban Water Management Plans**

N/A - Regional San is not an urban water supplier.

### **Agricultural Water Management Plans:**

• N/A - currently groundwater. Although the South County Ag Program will supply recycled water to agricultural users, recycled water is exempt from Agricultural Water Management Plans.

#### **Groundwater Management or / Groundwater Sustainability Plans:**

• The Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the South County Ag Program area. SCGA completed a South Basin Groundwater Management Plan that was finalized in October 2011. The South American Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) equivalent was submitted to DWR; DWR's review completion is expected by beginning of Q2 2019.

### **Other WSIP Applicant's Projects:**

• N/A - there are no expected consequences of the South County Ag program on other WSIP applicant's public benefits.

# Regional San – South County Ag Program: List of Permits for WSIP Quarterly Reporting (revised 1/20/2019)

Permitting Agency	Permit	Estimated Completion Date <sup>3</sup>	Percent Complete %
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Clean Water Act, Section 404 Permit for any fill of wetlands or waters of the US	Quarter 4 2021	0%
U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service	Section 7 Consultation/Biological Opinions (for effects on Federally-listed species) <sup>1, 2</sup>	Quarter 4 2020	0% 1
State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)	Wastewater Change Petition for a change in the point of discharge, place of use, or purpose of use of treated water	Quarter 1 2019	90%
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB)	Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use (Statewide Recycled Water Permit, Order WQ 2016-0068-DWQ) (for operation of the recycled water distribution system)	Quarter 4 2020	0%
CVRWQCB	401 Water Quality Certification (required for 404 Permit)	Quarter 2 2021	0%
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Incidental Take Permit from California Department of Fish and Game (for effects on State-listed species) 1	Quarter 4 2020	0% 1
CDFW	Incidental Take Permit for California Endangered Species Act (CESA)	Quarter 4 2020	0% 1
CDFW	Streambed Alteration Agreement (for pipeline crossings of creeks)	Quarter 4 2021	0%
California Office of Historic Preservation	Section 106 Consultation <sup>2</sup>	Quarter 4 2020	0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Note: The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is currently undergoing the adoption process. Sacramento County and the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA have both adopted the plan. The HCP will be leveraged by Regional San to streamline biological-related permitting, including Section 7 consultation and Incidental Take permits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Note: Required only if a Federal nexus is established for the Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Note: Best estimate of timing with currently known information



Overall Project Schedule for South Sacremento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Recycled Water, Groundwater Storage, and Conjunctive Use Program

